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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Item for the Senior Staff Meeting, 3 November 1958

1. This memorandum suggests action on the part of the Director of Central Intelligence.

2. I believe it would be extremely desirable for you to spend just a few minutes on congressional relations at the next Senior Staff Meeting. In making arrangements to have such people as Senator Russell and Representative Mahon briefed by Field representatives, I discovered some lack of understanding of our problems in dealing with the Congress. We are presently planning to offer Field briefings to additional people including Senator Bridges, Representative Kilday, and possibly others. Therefore, just a few words on the desirability of making these people acquainted with Agency activities would be extremely helpful. This would indicate to those concerned that this is not solely a representational chore by the Station but is in fact a desired activity which is essential to an appropriate relationship between the Congress and the Agency.

3. Your remarks could well cover briefly the fact of the existing subcommittee system since I have also discovered that some relatively senior personnel were unaware of the existence of subcommittees solely to consider CIA activities. In addition, I suggest a few words to the effect that selected staff members do sit in on briefing sessions and are authorized to receive classified information.

4. While no formal discussion seems necessary, an indication of your views together with the information which would be new to some people would be helpful to the various components. Additionally, your remarks on this would materially assist in making necessary arrangements in the future.

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